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West Midlands Travel has acquired County Bus & Coach and Sampson Coaches from the Lynton Travel Group. County has pursued an energetic fleet replacement policy.

West Midlands Travel acquires County Bus & Coach

West Midlands Travel has acquired the County Bus & Coach and Sampson Coach business from the Lynton Group. The company has a current turnover of £12.5m and trades under the names of Lea Valley, Tameside and Townlink, with a fleet of 200 buses and 40 coaches operating in north London, Hertfordshire and Essex.

Commenting on the sale, WMT's executive chairman, Don Colston said, 'This acquisition is a clear signal of our intention to expand and strengthen our bus operations in the London area. County Bus have an exceptional track record of capital investment and revenue growth. We are buying a profitable business with a balanced income stream of tenders and commercial route workings and one that has significant poten-

tial for expansion.'

Under the terms of the acquisition, the former County Bus directors have left the company to pursue other business interests. David Leeder has been appointed to spearhead the new management team. He joined West Midlands Travel earlier this year as area MD of its South Birmingham bus operations.

Bob Howells explained, 'Lynton Group will continue to function in a somewhat smaller fashion. We have retained CitiBus in Manchester, Biss Brothers Coaches at Bishop's Stortford and Airport Coaches at Stansted. In total, this encompasses around 100 vehicles and there are some other arms to the group. We are not old enough to retire yet and this will keep us out of mischief for a while.'

Metroline sold to MEBO for £20m

Metroline Travel Limited, the sixth London Buses subsidiary to be privatised, has been sold to its management and employees for £20m. The MEBO team, led by Metroline MD Declan O'Farrell, is confident about the future and will continue to operate all of its existing routes with no changes to fares or timetables.

Metroline operates a fleet of around 380 vehicles, largely midibuses and double deckers. Speaking on behalf of the team, Declan O'Farrell said, 'Metroline's employees - drivers, conductors, engineers, clerical staff supervisors and managers - all now have an opportunity to share in the future success of the company. We believe that employee ownership will deliver a continued high level of service.'

Durbin's sell to Badgerline

Bristol based Durbin's Coaches is being sold to Badgerline Plc. Contracts have been exchanged and the sale will conclude on 17 October. Durbin's Coaches will continue to operate under its own identity with Roger Durbin retained as managing director. The company operates over 30 buses and coaches on private hires, tours and school contracts in the Bristol and Avon area.

SMT sale agreed

GRT Bus Group has announced valid acceptances of its offer for SMT shares in respect of 96.4% of those issued. The offer has now been declared unconditional and trading in the new GRT shares began on 10 October. The offer remains open until 24 October, after which all outstanding shares will be acquired by compulsory purchase.

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News

Coach blaze at Thamesdown's Swindon depot

A fire at the Swindon depot belonging to Thamesdown Transport has badly damaged eight coaches. The cause of the fire is unknown and is believed to have started at approximately 3.15am on Sunday 9 October. Damage to the property was restricted to the perimeter fencing and the tarmac surface to the yard in the vicinity of the coaches.

Thamesdown's MD, John Owen, said, 'Eight coaches were involved in the fire, five belonging to ourselves, one to Kingston Coaches - our subsidiary, one to Prudhoe Coaches and one to John's Tours of Stowmarket. Both of those were here for overnight parking only. Six of the coaches are totally gutted and the others are very badly damaged. We cannot comment on the cause of the fire but police are investigating.'

SBH offer accepted

SB Holdings has announced that acceptances have been received in respect of over 80% of current Kelvin Central Buses shares. SBH is to declare its offer for KCB unconditional following an extraordinary general meeting on 16 October.

Berkhof-Daf combination

Berkhof has announced that its Excellence 1000LD coach body will now also be available on the DAF SB3000 WS242L chassis. Berkhof coachwork has not been available in the UK on DAF chassis since 1986. This high floor combination option offers a 330 bhp turbocharged and intercooled engine, eight speed manual ZF gearbox and full air suspension with ferry lift facilities. The first examples will be available for the 1995 season.



Larger 1995 WA Plaxton order

Plaxton has announced it has won an order for 35 coaches which will be supplied to Wallace Arnold for the 1995 season. All will be supplied through Kirkby Coach & Bus and are based on Volvo B10M chassis, although body specifications will be varied to meet the specific requirements of each vehicle's application.

Stephen Barber, Wallace Arnold's operations director said, 'The coaches which we have bought from Plaxton over the last two years have

boosted our confidence in the Plaxton product. The 21 delivered this season have given us first class service and our satisfaction is demonstrated in this order for 35 in 1995.'

Plaxton now has named orders for 1995 which have crossed the 150 mark, excluding those produced for dealer stock. Other operators purchasing Plaxton coaches for 1995 include Excelsior, Epsom Coaches, Bebb's, Redwing, Skills, Frames Rickards, Tellings and Dodsworth.

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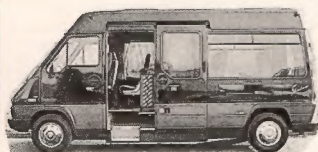
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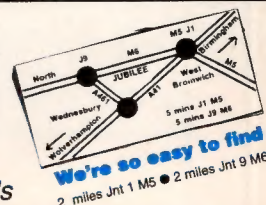
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New Marshall deliveries at Red & Blue Admiral

The Portsmouth based Red & Blue Admiral operations, subsidiaries of Transit Holdings, have taken delivery of six new Marshall bodied Iveco 59.12 minibuses. The order, valued at £250,000, takes the total invested by the company in new vehicles, since its

establishment in 1991 to over £2.5m. Some 42 vehicles have been purchased over the last three years and the fleet now stands at 165. The new vehicles are larger than the Ford Transits they replace and can carry up to 37 passengers.

Tourism appointment

Guide Friday is to be appointed manager of York's Tourist Information Centres. The company's proposal for improvements included revising the accommodation booking service, encouraging more overnight stays in the city and providing more information for local people as well as visitors. The two Tourist Information Centres at the De Gray Rooms in Exhibition Square and at the Rail Station will be handed over to the company in April 1995 following their refurbishment.

Soton CoA annual dinner

The Southampton & District Coach Operators Association is holding its annual dinner and dance on Thursday 3 November at the Southampton Novotel, which is opposite Southampton Central Station. Tickets for the event cost £21 per head. Contact Kerry Pitter, Coliseum coaches, Botley Road, West End, Southampton, SO30 3JA. Accommodation is available at the Novotel at the reduced rate of £35 per night (room only) and should be booked direct with the hotel on 0703 330550.

TECON cancelled

Tecon International '94, the planned 50 year celebratory event for the Institute of Road Transport Engineers, has been cancelled due to lack of delegate support. IRTE hopes that those speakers who prepared papers for the event will present them at the annual conference and exhibition at Telford in May 1995. The 50th anniversary gala dinner and cabaret, scheduled for 1 November, will proceed as planned.

RTITB name change

The Government training board for motor transport and distribution, the RTITB, is to begin trading under the new name of Centrex. Some £2m is being invested in the company's own infrastructure, including a £400,000 body shop and extensive ongoing refurbishment at both the Telford and Edinburgh facilities.



Eight Northern Counties Palatine II double deckers have been supplied to Northumbria Buses.

New Olympians serve Metro Centre

Northumbria Buses has invested in eight new double deckers for its route 602 which links the Tyne Valley with the Metrocentre in Gateshead. The buses are Northern Counties Palatine III bodied Olympians, equipped with coach style seating and large luggage pens to cater for buggies and shopping. Some journeys will have customer assistants crewing the buses, offering help and advice on Northumbria's services to passengers. They will also assist in keeping the saloons clean and tidy.

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Vehicle Launch

NEOPLAN TRANSLINER GX

Few people would have anticipated a tie up between Neoplan and Dennis Specialist Vehicles, but this has been successfully completed and the result is a new coach called the Transliner GX. It is the product of collaboration between the two companies which was instigated by SJ Carlton Ltd, the UK's Neoplan distributor. It is intended that the Transliner GX should provide a quality alternative in the marketplace, at a competitive price.

The new vehicle is produced in Neoplan's Berlin factory and is based on the Javelin 290GX, although the front-end of the chassis is reworked to install Neoplan's own steering column, instrumentation and electrical wiring. This provides the driver with a fully adjustable column with the audio system controls built into the centre of the wheel. This fingertip control is thought to be much safer for the passengers as it is less distracting for the driver, eliminating the need to lean across the dash and fiddle with controls.



Neoplan builds the Transliner GX at its Berlin plant.

The whole instrument panel and switch layout is easy to understand and within easy reach, incorporating some special Neoplan features.

One of the features of the tachograph system is that once a card is inserted into the slot, the clock cannot be altered. This removes any temptation for drivers to cheat the system. The electrics also provide a record of actual hours driven and provide the operator with more information to keep a check on tachograph reports. The driver also

retains control of any equipment which has been installed in the coach. Drinks machines or catering facilities can only be accessed if the driver has enabled them from his control panel. This means that passengers cannot use these facilities at times when it may be inconvenient or dangerous to do so.

The prototype Transliner GX stands 3.6 metres high, at its highest point, but production versions will be a more moderate 3.41 metres. This will allow full executive

specification models to be produced without having to compromise on seat numbers or special equipment. The prototype, which has yet to complete the certification process, has been fitted with 50 Kiel reclining seats, dual courier seat, rear sunken toilet, water boiler and a fridge. The toilet and the fridge are both being altered for production models. SJ Carlton is concerned that the toilet, although functional, could be larger and that the fridge encroaches on the passenger who would be seated in the rear aisle seat. Accordingly the fridge will be smaller and a larger wash-room facility will be provided, complete with a full height continental exit door, on future models.

Because of its height, the Transliner GX has a sunken gangway, accessed by two steps from the level of the driver and a three step entrance. Production models will have a flat saloon floor, so it is obvious where the height and weight is being reduced. Moquette complementing the seating material



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Vehicle Launch

is used to fully soft trim the interior and finished to the level expected on new Neoplans. Vogel reclining seats are available as an alternative to the standard Kiel seats.

The seating, complete with folding armrests, is firm and supportive with sufficient legroom for comfortable long journeys. Air conditioning has not been fitted but added passenger comfort is derived from the individual heating and ventilation units in the luggage racks. They are allied to Neoplan's climate control system and provide a supplementary means of maintaining an optimum temperature not found on most other types of coach. The airflow is very strong with the dials set to maximum.

The luggage racks are very strong and offer a reasonable capacity for hand luggage but are not fitted with locker doors. This does not detract from the practicality or the appearance of the interior which is light, modern and attractive. Luggage space under the



Full moquette trim on the Transliner GX adds to the 'quality' feel of the saloon.

vehicle is also good though some of this will be lost on later vehicles with the reduction in overall height. As is usual with the compact midships engine installation of the Javelin, the amount of through locker space is considerable.

The locker flaps are constructed from heavy duty alloy, opening and closing

easily and firmly locking into their secure position. The rear hatch opens not to reveal a boot but as storage area for tools, hydraulic jack, a wheel chock and access to some electrical fuses and relays. This is a feature which may be changed if the option of a floor mounted washroom is taken over the sunken example.

The main electrical panel and spare wheel are housed behind the front offside panel, beneath the driver's window. The front is a two-piece unit with a strong GRP moulding for both the bumper and waist panel. The lighting is all contained within a swing-out section which facilitates quick and simple bulb replacement. On both sides the lighting unit is secured by a lock and is released with the same key that secures the locker doors. The front waist section is proud of the windscreen, as on all Neoplan coach models, and helps to provide protection for the parked windscreen wipers.

One of the most impressive features of the Transliner GX is the lack of noise. For a mid-engined coach it is exceptionally quiet and it does not seem to be any noisier in the middle of the coach than it is at either end. Increasing the driver comfort offered by the adjustable steering column is a fully adjustable seat, allowing any shape of occupant the opportunity to find a com-



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Vehicle Launch



Light units swing out to facilitate easy bulb replacement.

portable position.

Peripheral vision is as good as can be found on a coach and is better than most. The single piece screen curves back quite steeply towards the support pillar but there is no discernible distortion to vision. In addition to heated rear view mirrors, the top window in the entrance door and the sliding side window in the cockpit are electrically heated.

On the road, the Transliner GX performs very well. It has the taut sense of feeling to it that is exuded by up-market cars. Its 3.6 metre height meant that crosswinds could be felt but they did not interfere with the handling or stability of the coach at any time during the test. Steering is very light and positive and the suspension gives a very smooth ride with little transmission of road noise but sufficient feel for the driver to sense exactly how the coach is behaving.

The gearchange on the six speed ZF gearbox is impeccably smooth and positive and does not need constant attention thanks to the strong pulling power of the engine. Although the coach was tested without a passenger load, it gave the impression that long distance cruising would be a fairly effortless task. On long, slow, motorway inclines it was possible to slow down, drop

to fifth gear and pull away again very quickly and then engaging top gear once more would keep the momentum gathering, without flooring the throttle pedal.

To prevent them being left on by mistake, an audible warning facility has been fitted to the indicators, which is adequate but not as intrusive as some systems I have encountered. Such a device is only there as a reminder to the driver and should not be an irritation to passengers.

The indicator stalk has a large barrel and contains all the lighting, windscreen wiper and horn functions as well. Operators preferring to locate these on separate



The toilet and rear continental door arrangement.



Neoplan have ensured that all the control functions can be accessed with the minimum of effort. The driver can control the radio from the centre of the steering wheel.



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Vehicle Launch



Locker flaps are very strong yet easy to open and close.

stalks can specify accordingly, although the one on the test vehicle seemed to perform quite adequately and did not take long to get used to.

The brakes responded well to light pedal pressure for gentle slowing down and seemed to hold very well when a more aggressive stab was taken, although there was never really an incident or reason to apply them hard during the test run. There have been no notable complaints about the brakes on GX Javelins, so there is no reason to suspect their performance would be less than the same on the Transliner.

So, what does this new Anglo-German hybrid offer the UK market that is not already there? It certainly adds variety. It is a fresh product with a distinctive appearance, based on names that are immediately identifiable the length and breadth of the UK. As long as the price is set competitively it could quite easily find its way into a large number of fleets and perform a useful range of duties.

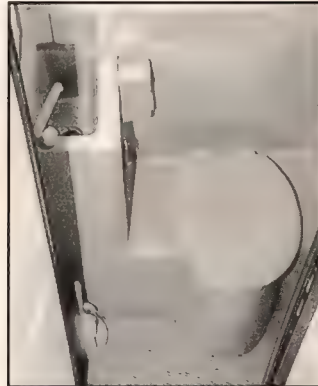
Stuart Johnson insists that the Transliner is a no nonsense, quality coach - built to the highest Neoplan standards without compromise in

any way. He claims it will be competitively priced, although he is not prepared to release details in advance of the vehicle's appearance at Expocoach '94. Without the benefit of knowing the price tag, one assumes that it will be unlikely to be less than £150,000 because the Javelin GX has a list price of £52,580.00, and the no-compromise approach Neoplan has adopted in the Transliner's construction means that it has virtually constructed an integral coach on top of a chassis. Standard specification for the production models will include 51 reclining seats, rear offside sunken toilet, full height continental door and double glazing.

Stuart Johnson claims that orders have already been taken and confidence is boosted by S. J. Carlton placing an initial order of 25 Javelin GX 290 chassis from Dennis, in time for the 1995 coaching season, with over 50% already committed to customers.

SUMMARY

If the price is pitched where the coach can compete on direct terms with the bulk of the market, it will add



The toilet unit is neat and attractive but will be larger on production models.

a useful boost to Neoplan registrations in the UK. The price of Cityliner and Skyliner models has meant they have been restricted to niche markets and these have been under severe pressure for the last few years, not allowing the more recent Transliner and Cityliner to gain more than a toehold.

Neoplan's integral construction methods would seem likely to be at a weight disadvantage to body on chassis designs in a UK market that continues to suffer the unfair disadvantage of a lower maximum permitted



The 50 reclining seats allow reasonable legroom but the fridge at the rear will be reduced in size as it intrudes on passenger space in the rear seat.

GVW than in the rest of Europe. This may be why the 3.6 metre version of the Transliner GX lacked double glazing and air conditioning, however, Stuart Johnson assured me that the lower height production models will allow the inclusion of air conditioning and double glazing, along with a full complement of seats, on top of a washroom, video system, boiler and servery. If this proves to be the case then the Transliner GX could become a competitive and viable alternative to some of the more expensive, established market leaders. Whilst SJ Carlton's extensive research suggests that the lower height Transliner GX will attract a higher volume of sales, the 3.6 m coach will still be offered, but with single glazing, seating capacity reduced to 46 and no provision for air conditioning.

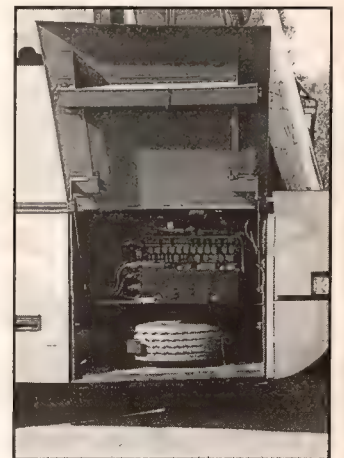
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A dual crew seat is provided to give further options on flexibility of services.



At 3.6 metres high, the Transliner GX cannot take advantage of air conditioning and double glazing, but the production models are claimed to meet requirements without a seating penalty.



The main electrical panel and spare wheel are mounted beneath the driver.

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Vehicle Launch

Hughes DAF unveil the DAF DB250 - Northern Counties Palatine II

When Hughes DAF became sole UK importers of the DAF Bus International product range, earlier this year, the company announced that it would be extending the choice of options available to the UK market. As part of this plan it was subsequently revealed that Northern Counties were to body the DAF DB250 double deck chassis and the DAF SB220 single deck chassis. The first DB250 has now been completed at Northern Counties' modernised and extended Wigan plant where Hughes DAF introduced it to the press.

Speaking at the launch, Hughes DAF managing director, Bob McLeod, pointed out that there are over 20,000 double deck buses running in service in Britain of which more than 75% are over 10 years old. He did not claim that this meant 15,000 double deck buses would soon need to be bought to replace them, because he recognised that the overall requirement for the type is shrinking and will continue to shrink, but he was also sure that there was an ongoing need for double deckers. Three markets he identified were post privatisation London, fleets serving large Metropolitan areas, and special requirements such as Park & Ride schemes. Bob also felt there would be a requirement for double deckers as dual purpose vehicles which would operate bus services predominantly, but be available for private hire and excursion work at other times



Eastbourne Buses is the first customer for the DB250 Palatine II. The bus will join several Ikarus bodied DAF SB220 single deckers.

Although the DAF DB250 is built in the Netherlands at Eindhoven, it has very considerable British ancestry. DAF Bus acquired the design rights to the former MCW Metrobus integral range when the Laird Group closed down MCW in 1989 and though the DB250 retains little of that design, the GKN

rear axle built at Kirkstall in Leeds was also employed in the Birmingham built vehicle. Forward of the rear axle, the chassis is basically the same as the DAF SB220 single decker. It was originally envisaged that an 11.6 litre DAF unit would power the design but this gave way to the amply powerful and

lighter 8.65 litre DAF RS200 unit which is both turbocharged and intercooled. It develops 272bhp (200kW) at 2300rpm and meets Euro 1 emission regulations, with Euro 11 variants available for installation when required.

Hughes DAF has opted for the three speed fully automatic Voith D851.2 as the standard gearbox in its stock build programme, though the ZF Ecomat 4HP500E was fitted on the first vehicle. DAF actually offer four boxes on the DB250, two Voith and two ZF. Hughes DAF specifically chose the Voith in order to broaden choice to the market.

Northern Counties continues to offer two different styles of double deck bodywork. These are the earlier Palatine I with its squared frontal treatment and the more stylish Palatine II design with its deep front screens and stepped down front upper deck side windows. All Hughes DAF stock vehicles are to carry the Palatine II style, first introduced last year, which, apart from its aesthetic superiority, has an aluminium rather than a steel interdeck in order to reduce weight and give greater headroom. The DB250 Palatine II can be fitted with either single or dual door bodywork although initial stock vehicles will all be to single door configuration and certified for 77 seated (47/30) and 16 standing passengers. One would anticipate a reduction of four seat spaces with the dual door option.



Hughes DAF will be offering DB250 Palatine IIs from stock and some of these vehicles are nearing completion.

Vehicle Launch



A single seat and luggage pen is provided over the front nearside wheelarch. Beneath it, all Palatine II wheelarches are constructed in stainless steel.

Both dealer and body manufacturer are pleased with the entrance layout that has been achieved as it provides a 1420mm wide door aperture with a straight step arrangement which they believe will facilitate rapid passenger flow. The first



Palatine II upper deck with cove lighting, 47 seats, and split hopper windows.

step on to the bus is 320mm and the subsequent step 225mm. A front kneeling device acting on both sides of the front axle is standard and reduces the step height to around 240mm. The driver's cab area is also comparatively spacious.

Headroom is good on the lower deck and reasonable on the upper deck. The lower deck has a luggage area

over the nearside wheelarch with a single sideways facing seat alongside it. Opposite is a forward ascending staircase with a small additional luggage space beneath the stair well. The only other non-forward facing seats on the bus are the penultimate seats on each side of the lower deck, over the wheelarches, which face the rear giving an uninspiring view of

the panelled rear of the bus. Though the back of the rear five place seat was less upright than on some decks, I found the squab on this particular seat too short. Cove lighting is provided on each side of both decks and there are a profusion of 35mm textured handrails in colour contrasting bright green.

It is increasingly popular not to have a lower deck rear window as Hughes DAF have specified although Northern Counties could have incorporated one. The resulting panel does make it easier to apply advertisements to the exterior, though to some extent this advantage is lessened by the incorporation of a rear TRN number display as standard. Duplicate stop and indicator lights are provided below the rear upper deck window as an additional safety feature, and all vehicles feature the popular Northern Counties innovation of exterior door lights set into a recessed panel above the front door. Although it was not fitted on

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Vehicle Launch

the Eastbourne vehicle, subsequent buses will all have route number and destination equipment incorporated in a display that occupies the bottom third of the first nearside window.

Heating is by means of a two pipe convection system with thermostatic control valves. There is a motorised extractor system and a twin turbo blower unit ducted through a plenum chamber provides screen demisting and heat for the driver. For ventilation split hopper windows are provided on both decks.

The initial vehicle has already been sold to Eastbourne Buses and was unveiled in their blue and cream livery. Eastbourne already has several DAF SB220s with Ikarus bus bodywork and further examples are scheduled to enter service with the company next year, though this is the company's first DAF decker, as well as being the first new double deck service bus supplied by Hughes DAF. Indeed, the DB250 has previ-



The Eastbourne Buses vehicle exhibits a number of differences from Hughes DAF's standard stock vehicles. It does not have destination gear in the first nearside window, there is no kneeling facility and it has a ZF rather than a Voith automatic transmission.

ously only been available in conjunction with the Optare Spectra body, the biggest customers for it being Wilts & Dorset, London Buses,

Reading Transport and two Turkish operators, although East Yorkshire and Stevensons have also taken examples.



The forward ascending staircase showing the many contrasting handrails, the luggage recess and used ticket bin.

A trip around the roads of Wigan revealed the vehicle to be a particularly spirited performer, with plenty of power and acceleration to keep on schedule when fully loaded.

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Vehicle Launch



The DB250 Palatine II entrance is well lit and has a first step 320mm above the ground followed by a single 225mm step. Hughes DAF stock vehicles will have a kneeling option as standard, though Eastbourne chose not to have this feature.

SUMMARY

Within the modernised Wigan plant DAF SB220 chassis were to be seen with Paladin bodywork taking



Cove lighting, no rear window and plenty of DiPTAC equipment is the order of the day on the lower deck.

shape, and Hughes DAF are confident that one of these will be displayed alongside a DB250 Palatine II at ExpoCoach '94 in Telford later this month. With these two models, the Ikarus bodied SB220 and the imminent availability through Hughes DAF of 10 metre Dennis Darts with both Northern Counties and Plaxton bodywork, the company is able to offer customers a full range of bus products in the 40

plus seat range.

The broadening of available body options is a logical move for DAF as it strives to take a greater share of the UK bus market. Hughes DAF recognise that the market for double deckers is not huge but believe it will grow once the London privatisation has settled down. For many operators, a double deck price tag of over £120,000 is too close to the cost of two midibuses or three minibuses.

es. The market leader is clearly the Volvo, formerly Leyland, Olympian with only small numbers of Dennis Dominators and Scania N113DRBs registered recently. Despite this the sales team believe that they can command 10% of UK double deck sales. Though the dual sales constraints of limited market size and tough competition will make the task difficult, Hughes DAF's decision to hold well specified vehicles in stock and its ability to offer flexible finance, lease and even rental packages, will give it valuable tools with which to help find homes for DB250s.

By Stuart Jones

DIMENSIONS

Height:	4318mm
Length:	10004mm
Width:	2500mm
Wheelbase:	5050mm
Front overhang:	2538mm
Rear overhang:	2416mm
Headroom upper:	1751mm
Headroom lower:	1859mm

SPECIFICATION

Engine:	DAF RS200 Euro 1, six cylinder, 8.65 litre, turbocharged, intercooled, producing 272bhp (200kW) at 2300rpm and 990Nm (730 lbf.ft) at 1400 rpm.
Gearbox:	Voith D851.2 three speed automatic (Standard) ZF Ecomat 4HP500 (Eastbourne vehicle)
Front axle:	DAF N130
Rear axle:	GKN (Kirkstall) D66.11B.1G drop centre, hub reduction with eccentric differential 90 degrees and hypoid bevel gearing. Ratio: 4.70:1
Suspension:	Full air. Front - 2 bellows, Rear - 4 bellows.
Steering:	Hydraulic power steering with adjustable column.
Brakes:	Dual circuit air brakes with automatic slack adjusters. Spring actuated handbrake on rear axle. ABS is optional.
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As the show title suggests, much of the emphasis is on the coach market and this is reflected in the exhibits. The Coach Industry Suppliers Association has even produced a report entitled, "The British Coach Industry —



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Salvador Caetano UK was one of the first dealerships to support the Expocoach idea back in 1990 and it is maintaining its high profile at the event this year. Caetano has offered the MAN 11.190 as a mid-coach for some years and will be showing a new offering from the same stable, Algarve II coachwork on an MAN 18.370 chassis. Another manufacturer extending its range to include a MAN chassis is W. S. Coachbuilders. The Waterlooville based company is offering the Winchester coach design on the MAN 11.190.

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One of the exhibits on the Kirkby Coach & Bus Stand will be this Volvo B10M Plaxton Premiere 350 for Ralphs Coaches.

Hool, Bova, Berkhof, Irizar, Jonckheere, and Bluebird, will all be represented, either personally or by their UK importers. Few will have seen the Jonckheere Monaco bodied Volvo B12 exhibited by Yeates Bus & Coach before, though examples are running for Parks and Travellers. Van Hool is showing vehicles supplied by each of its three UK dealers, the Moseley Group, Scania Coach Sales and Hughes DAF, each of which is also displaying another product. Moseley will be promoting the Bova range in conjunction with Bova UK, Scania will be presenting the Irizar Century and Hughes DAF will display the Eos 90, which is also built by Van Hool. For many of the European coachbuilders there will be a tight schedule as they will also be exhibiting at Maastricht the following week.

Plaxton's forward orders for 1995 are looking good at the moment and they will be hoping to add to them with the help of Kirkby Coach & Bus and DSB Sales, each of which

will be showing two vehicles. DSB's 10m Javelin Premiere 320 is worth a look, as is the new Shades servery on the B10M Premiere 350 in Ralphs colours on the Kirkby stand.

The detailed stand guide which follows this introductory article gives more extensive information about what the vehicle manufacturers and dealers, and the suppliers of



Two American built Bluebird CS series coaches will appear on the Alan Wilson PSV Sales stand including one for a Czech Republic operator. The other is destined for University Bus.

related equipment and services will be promoting at Expocoach. Tourism topics will be covered at the event too, with special areas devoted to destinations, venues, hotels, tour packages and cross channel services. Tourism

related stands are not described in the Bus & Coach Buyer guide as this is an area of the business covered by our sister publication, Coach Tours UK.

The doors open to this three day, trade only, event at 09.30 on Thursday 20 October. The exhibition will close at 17.30 on Thursday/Friday 20/21 and at 16.00 on Saturday 22 October. Visitors will be asked to fill in a registration card at the entrance, and if you are given a card in advance it will save time if this is completed prior to reaching the door. Finding the site is also straight forward as it is only two minutes from junctions 4 and 5 of the M54 motorway, from which points the International Exhibition Centre is signposted. The event is organised by Expo Management Ltd who can be contacted at Suite 6 Mostyn Hall, Friargate, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 7XR. Telephone 0768 892248, Fax 0768 892259.



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Stand Guide

A handy listing of what is what on the dealer, manufacturer, component, equipment and service stands.

Transmatic (Europe) Stand A1a

Transmatic will have a comprehensive display of its Superlux low maintenance, high efficiency bus lighting systems. These are available as illuminated advertising continuous cove or as a simple continuous strip. Both give shadow-free illumination and are suitable for DIPTAC compliant door lighting. Destination lighting equipment and inverters with lifetime guarantees will also be displayed.

British Transport Advertising Stand A1b

BTA claims to be the largest independent transport advertising specialist with 56% of the bus advertising market. The company is keen to show the latest technology and innovations in this field and to discuss with operators ways of maximising potential advertising revenue.

AVE Berkhof Stand A2

An Excellence 1000LD bodied Dennis Javelin 290GX will form AVE Berkhof's stand exhibit. The low driver coach, sold to D Coaches, is equipped with 50 reclining seats and has a rear saloon toilet and servery. Additionally, a stock vehicle will be on view outside the main hall.

Hughes DAF Stand A3

A DAF SB3000 WS Van Hool Alizee H, featuring a ZF eight speed manual gearbox and a rear toilet will be the main stand exhibit. Outside the hall, showing the company's increasing involvement in the bus sector, will be a Northern Counties Palatine II bodied DAF DB250 double decker, sold to Eastbourne



Hughes DAF will show a complete DAF SB220 a Northern Counties. One is pictured under construction at Wigan.

Buses, a Northern Counties Paladin bodied DAF SB220 and an Ikarus Citybus DAF SB220.

Van Hool Stand A4

An air conditioned Eos 90, the second acquired by Fishwick & Sons this year, is one of three coaches on the Van Hool stand. It also has 48 reclining seats, fridge, boiler, rear toilet and a striking paint scheme. Scania Coach Sales will provide a K113 based Van Hool Alizee destined for Grimshaws and a Volvo B10M Van Hool Alizee supplied by the Moseley Group will complete the line-up.

Moseley PCV Stands A5/A6

The major Moseley interests will be represented by a Van Hool Alizee HE Volvo B10M and a Bova Futura Club FLD 12.270. The specification of the Alizee, sold to Whitelaw's Coaches by Moseley Distributors, includes an offside centre sunken demountable wash-room, continental door, water boiler video installation, 49/53 Labellux reclining seats, lap type seat belts and a deleted rear window. The Futura has been sold to

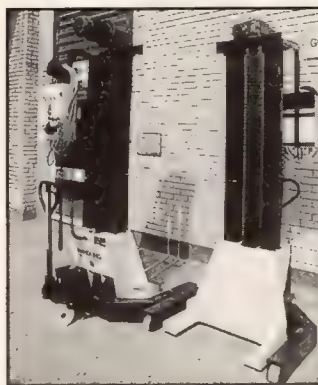
Seward's Coaches by Moseley in the South and features 57 seats, courier seat and double glazed side windows.

Phil Stockford Garage Equipment Stand J8

The UK distributor for IME-Autolift will be exhibiting its ESH 1641 mobile column lifts which are rated at 16 tonnes capacity. The ESH 1641 is part of a range of lifts up to 42 tonnes and is considered the most practical to offer a wide field of commercial application. Crystals will be lending a minibus to enable the company to fully demonstrate the lifts.

Somers Handling Stand A8

A set of six mobile lift columns will be used to support a tri-axle Volvo and Somers staff will be demonstrating axle removal and refit procedures. New for 1994 is a scissor-lift table specifically designed for bus and coach application and which is cheaper than previously marketed examples. Also on display will be an example of a condemned lift column which can be compared to a reconditioned unit, indicating



Somers handling mobile lifts.

the extent of the refurbishments Somers carry out on reconditioned units.

KL Automotive Products Stand B1

KL Automotive is exhibiting a comprehensive range of convection heating systems for bus and coach saloons, plus fan blowers and screen demisting units.

Vulcan Engineering Stands B2

An innovative folding minibus seat will be making its show debut. This allows seating to be folded away, leaving clear access for wheelchairs without the need to remove seating. It is available as a standard bus seat, minibus seat or a high-backed minibus seat. Vulcan is currently developing a full coach sized version. Other types of standard seating and a driver's seat will be arranged on the stand for visitors to examine. A full range of Sure-Grip rails and accessories will also be displayed.

Blackpool Trim Shops Stand B3

A prominent feature of the stand will be the minibus seating manufactured by the company. This will be supported by a range of refurbishing materials including moquettes, sidewall trim and carpets. Headrest covers and curtains will also be featured.

Dudley Screenwipers Stand B4

The company will highlight a new heavy duty wiper arm and a heavy duty wiper motor suitable for bus and coach applications. Supporting these will be a range of in-house designed and manufactured wiper equipment for both new and

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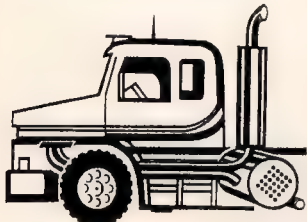
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aftermarket requirements. Also new is a compact, low-cost, wiper motor.

Bright Tech Developments Stand B6

Electronic destination display equipment for both bus and coach applications are to be highlighted. Based on dot matrix systems, these are available with Screen-Script operator programming for route and service information. Also on show will be Tri-Line with Message-Maker facility and the internal 'bus stopping' sign.

Pathfinder Shuttle Co Stand B7

Pathfinder will be offering details of its franchised bus services and will be discussing 'Network Travel' with visitors to the stand.

Wedlake Saint Stand B8

The company will be promoting its new Legal Assistance Scheme which offers help in recovering uninsured losses, partly through a degree of self-insurance. The specialist legal experts can also assist with matters on Health &



Pathfinder will be promoting its services in the franchised bus service field.

Safety at Work Regulations and with Package Holiday Regulations. Experts will be on the stand to discuss any problems operators have encountered in these areas.

Hansar Finance Stand B9

Full details of Hansar's hire purchase, leasing and contract hire facilities will be available and the company will be promoting its latest ideas on simplifying the purchase of replacement vehicles. This involves operators

setting up a credit line on an annual basis with Hansar. In the event of an emergency requirement to change or replace a vehicle, the finance is already in place and there is no waiting for clearance.

Bob Vale Coach Sales Stand B10

Bob Vale says 'Buy your B10M from stand B10'. He will have details of a selection of pre-owned coaches and the sales team of Mick O'Connor, Reg Crowe and Rodney Boorman will be on hand to discuss requirements.

Scan Coin Omser Stand B11

The latest cash handling equipment in a range of capacities and to suit all deposit, sorting and bagging requirements, will be demonstrated on the stand. They include the SC4000 sorter with on-screen menus and prompts which can be used in conjunction with the CDP700 cash deposit systems. The SC202 value sorter provides rail sorting facilities combined with electronic counting sensor technology.



Scan Coin Omser's SC4000 value - sorter.

Belmont International Stand B12

Belmont will be introducing its new 'Coach Elite' policy which aims to cover all liabilities under a single umbrella. This is supported by the 'Coach Safe' policy

which is designed as a complete insurance package for holidays. A competition will be run, over the show period, which is open to all visitors.

Distinctive Systems Stand B13

Both of the main programmes developed by Distinctive Systems, the Private Hire & Contract system and the Passenger Booking system, will be presented by the company. Over 500 of these fully comprehensive systems are now in use with coach operators across the country and the latest versions will be demonstrated to operators visiting the stand.

Tile Hill College Stand B14

The college will be marketing its training facilities which are geared to providing NVQs for maintenance staff in vehicle mechanics, vehicle electrics or bodywork. Short courses for existing staff are available in these categories. Tile Hill also undertakes 'skills audits', where it will assess the requirements of a company and identify areas where training can be of benefit for improved efficiency and profitability.

P&P Sergeant Stands B15/B16

Samples of the extensive range of commercial brake drums, linings and pads supplied by the company will be displayed.

Winton Marketing Stand C1

The main feature of the exhibit will be Invertec continuous saloon lighting systems for bus and coach applications. On show for the first time is Invertec's Solar ventilation system. This is roof mounted and suitable for coaches, mobile workshops and other specialist vehicles. Other products on display will include the Cleff range of air vents and reading lights, a number of reversing aids and digital clocks.

British Furtex Fabrics Stand C2

The company will be showing a full range of traditional moquette seating fabrics and introducing some new designs.

AVP Purmo Stand C4

Purmo's range of convection heating for saloon fitment will be displayed along

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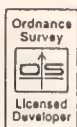
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Mobile Brush Washers Stand C5

The walk-round mobile brush wash is lightweight, easily manoeuvred and suitable for small fleets, accommodating vehicles up to 4.3m high. The system offers a considerable time saving over hand washing and is claimed to be a logical step before fleets expand sufficiently to justify a drive-through machine.

Wilcomatic Stand C6

Two new machines have joined the Wilcomatic vehicle washers for 1994. These are the Hercules IV and the Monarch 2000. The new Hercules is a four brush drive through machine with a high capacity throughput, capable of washing up to 60 buses per hour. Wilcomatic can also provide national coverage for breakdowns, servicing or full maintenance contracts of its wash equip-

ment.

PUC Group

PUC is a manufacturer and supplier of uniforms, either stock or bespoke, and corporate workwear. The company offers a total product service to dress staff from head to toe and has its own fitting and measuring service. Versions of PUC's uniforms will be on display and the items are all available from stock or mail order catalogues.



Sutrak's exhibits will include its air conditioning systems.

Sutrak UK Stand C8

Sutrak will be promoting its high output underfloor heating systems which have been specifically designed for use in the bus and coach industry. On show for the first time will be examples of

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computer controlled destination equipment which is manufactured by an associate company - Mobitec. Traditional Sutrak air conditioning systems and on-board amenities will also feature.

Chapman Stevens Stand C9

Four main packages will be promoted during the show. These include: CoachSure, a comprehensive fleet insurance package for bus and coach fleet operators; Coach Holiday Insurance Scheme, travel insurance cover; Mobility Bus, dedicated cover for community transport fleets; and EC Directive Schemes, insurance and trustee account schemes to meet EC Directives.

Jardine Insurance Brokers Stand C11

Jardine staff will be posing four important questions: Are you paying too much for your insurance?; Has your insurance programme been designed to meet your specific needs?; Have you adequate safety and risk man-

agement support?; and, Do you have any claims handling and uninsured loss recovery service. The company claims to have a service to match any operator's need and staff will be pleased to discuss any relevant topics. Some new initiatives will be announced during the show.

Confederation of Passenger Transport Stand C12

The CPT will be extending a welcome to existing and potential members. The exhibit will concentrate on the main activities that CPT has been involved with during the year, to show what is being achieved, and details of the new bonded coach holiday scheme will be available. CPT is continuing to support this scheme and has revised the package for 1995.

Allen & Douglas Stand C13

Uniform specialists Allen & Douglas will be highlighting the major contracts which it services in the bus and coach industry. This will include the new ladies outfits

that have been designed for Shearings. Additional to the traditional uniform and corporate workwear apparel is a collection of ladies styles which can be mixed to provide individual corporate identities. They will be available from stock or through a new catalogue.

Commercial Exhausts Stand C14

Additional to the usual range of exhausts, couplings and flexible piping supplied by Commercial Exhausts will be a full stainless steel system for the Dennis Dart.

Mintex Don Stand C16

Mintex Don is well known for its friction materials.

Alcoa Manufacturing Stand C16

Alcoa will show its precision made alloy wheels which are claimed to reduce unsprung weight, to assist brake cooling by faster heat dissipation and to increase tyre life through accurate machining of the wheel.

Crystals Conversions Stand F1

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minicoaches are included in Crystals' line-up, two of which are conversions and two are coachbuilt examples. The conversions include a Mercedes Benz 609D with 24 seats plus a deep well boot and a DAF 400 with 16 seats, hi-line windows, roof windows and skirts. The coachbuilt vehicles comprise an Enterprise Mercedes Benz 814D with 33 seats, deep boot, reading lights, forced air ventilation and show curtains - plus the new Challenger. This is built on the new Ford Transit chassis cowl and will feature 20 seats.

Alan Wilson PSV Stand F2

Alan Wilson will display two new buses from the Blue Bird CS range, one belonging to University Bus of Hertford, an 11.5 metre CS3700 with 51 seats plus 20 standee capacity, and the other, a left hand drive model, which is one of a batch destined for the Czech Republic in a dual door configuration. Both vehicles feature Allison automatic trans-

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missions and Cummins engines. The Blue Bird Q Bus will be shown in the demonstration park.

Toyota GB Stand F3

A 21 seat version of the Optimo III GL, supplied by Yeates Bus & Coach, will be displayed in the livery of Johnson Bros Tours of Worktop. Toyota's own demonstrator, an Optimo III GL with 18 reclining seats will be available on the demonstration park.

SJ Carlton Stands F4/F5

On public display for the first time will be the new Neoplan Transliner GX which is reviewed elsewhere in this issue. Built in conjunction with Dennis Specialist Vehicles, the coach features a 290bhp engine and incorporates the Neoplan dash and steering column. Built in the Berlin plant, it is constructed to Neoplan standards with no compromise for the UK market. The executive specification includes 50 reclining seats, toilet, fridge and servery. A demonstrator will be on show outside the main hall and announcements of firm orders will be made during the exhibition.

Autosound Stand F6

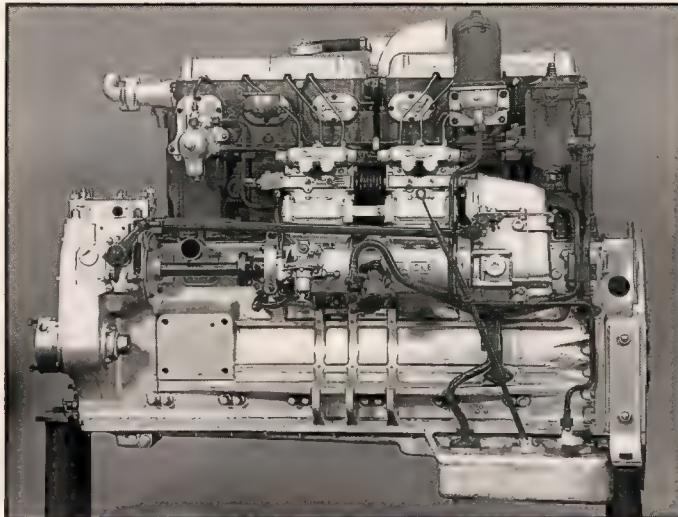
Complementing the full Blaupunkt audio range will be a new low-cost system for coaches, a range of new hand-held microphones and cables and a new CD auto-changer. Other new products include a Lenco video player and a multi-standard 15 inch TV monitor from Grundig compatible with 12 or 24 volt electrics.

Gardner Stand F7

Gardner will be highlighting the trend towards 'greener' engines and is to display a Euro 1 specification LG1200 unit. This is available in three ratings: 210 bhp; 235 bhp; and 275 bhp. A second exhibit will be a remanufactured LXB unit which meets Gardner's 'green' specification. This unit features the new Spinner kit and premium oil filter cost saving options.

Transpec International Stand F8

Transpec manufacture and supply ventilation hatch-eyes which double as emergency exits. The latest versions of the product will be on display.



Gardner's stand will house a re-manufactured 6LXB engine to 'green' specification.

Thomas Electronics Stand F9

The company will exhibit its traditional electronic items but will be highlighting a new range of reversing alarms, Sturdy road speed limiters, Meister electronic roller blind destination equipment and announcing its distributorship for Tecalemit chassis autolube systems.

National Private Hire Insurance Services Stand G2

The company has over 20 years experience in private hire insurance for both fleet and individual customers, specialising in minibuses and coaches. It can also offer specialist advice on motor trade policies, life cover, pensions and general commercial insurance.

Automate Wheel Covers Stand G3

New from Automate is a three quarter stainless steel cover which acts as a giant nut ring and compliments the full Vinci stainless wheel cover. Other new products include braided air hoses which extend both inner and outer rear tyre valves through the wheel cover and allow pressure checking and inflation without the need for cover removal. New pressure gauges, accurate at high pressure readings, will also be featured.

Bus Bits & More Stand G4

This exhibit will concentrate on the Disc-Lock self-locking wheel nut which is claimed to prevent any loosening of wheels during operation. Bus Bits & More are now a major distributor for the product. Staff will also be

promoting a new range of replacement wiper equipment which is made exclusively for the company and claimed to be superior to the majority of original equipment though it costs no more.

Esprit Window Repair Systems Stand G5

Windscreen repair specialists, Esprit, will exhibit the latest windscreen repair kits and also demonstrate a security etching kit. There will also be demonstrations of a scratch polishing kit which removes marks left by windscreen wipers.

Wesumat Carwash Equipment Stands G6/G7 Vultron International Stand G8

Vultron will be demonstrating various types of its route number and destination systems complete with control systems and message-pad loading equipment. This includes front, side and rear signs with triple route number facility and on-board passenger information units. Also on display is the Clearsign message board which has an LCD display.

City Glassworks & Toughened Glass Stand G10

The company is shortly to be renamed following its takeover by Pilkington Glass, and is keen to inform the industry that it is only the name that is changing, service and products will remain the same. On show this year will be screenprinted laminated glass which offers the opportunity of names, logos, blanked areas

or livery being sealed inside the glass. A similar system was announced for toughened glass last year but these will be the first laminated examples shown.

London Transport Advertising Stand H1

The recently privatised company is now promoting its services on a nationwide basis. These include the generation of advertising revenue from space on buses, at bus stops and stations and in high profile public places.

Gravells Cymric Conversions Stands H2/H3/H4/H7/H8 /H9

Three versions of Renault Master conversions will be on the stand. One example is a hi-roof accessible minibus fitted with 16 seats and a Ricon underfloor lift. Also featured is a new plug-type entrance door and the seating can be re-arranged to allow 11 seated passengers and four wheelchairs. A similar minicoach specification Master will also be shown, featuring a plug door, 16 seats and underfloor luggage space. These will be joined by a standard roofed 16 seat Master.

Velpor-Veludo Portugues SA Stand H6

Continental seating and interior trim fabrics from Portugal will be the highlight of this stand.

Duron Stand H10

The latest specification asbestos-free friction materials, purpose designed for PSVs, will be on display. Duron claim these have advanced bedding-in properties, are kinder to drums, good wear resistance, anti-squeal properties and wear step indicators. They are available as linings or brake pads.

Vehicle Inspectorate Stand J1

The Vehicle Inspectorate will promote its training services for the industry.

Pentagon Vehicle Builders Stand J3

Pentagon is exhibiting a Mercedes Benz 709D minibus which is equipped to DiPTAC specification and fitted with 27 seats, a luggage pen and has provision for eight standee passengers. The minibus is one of five currently being built for Tillingbourne and will carry the operator's livery.

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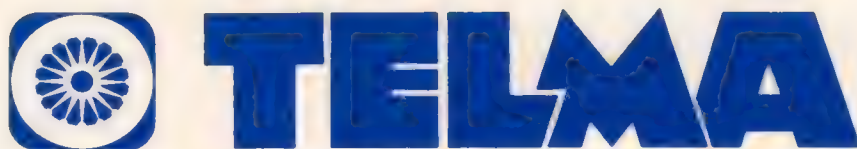
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Drinkmaster Stand J5

A range of Drinkmaster's coach vending machines and lockable racking will be on display. A new coin operated or free vend machine, the Cafe Express, holds 180 drink packs and is being launched at Telford. It was developed in response to operator demand for self service on board drinks. Drinkmaster's air-tight sealed drink packs will be available for visitors to sample.

Dieseline Stand J10

Dieseline will be promoting its tailored fuel purchasing packages which are available to the bus and coach industry. These include nationwide purchasing of diesel using the National Fuel Card or from a number of sites throughout Europe with the European Fuel Card. Both systems allow operators to benefit from obtaining fuel bought at bulk discount prices.

DSB Sales Stand K1

A 12m Dennis Javelin Plaxton Premiere 320 with 57 seats, recently sold to Bullock's Coaches, and a 10.0 metre Dennis Javelin with 43 reclining seats will comprise the DSB Sales exhibit.

Hereford Prolift Stand L1

A full set of Prolift mobile lifting columns will be used to support an Optare minicoach. Complementing the lifts will be a selection of workshop equipment including axle stands, scissor-lift tables and small wheel adaptors.

WS Coachbuilders Stand L2



Last year WS Coachbuilders launched the Winchester body and the Dart chassis. This year it will be exhibited on an MAN 11.190 chassis.

The first ever combination of a Winchester coach body and an MAN 11.190 chassis will be the main feature of WS Coachbuilders' exhibit. The midicoach will be equipped with 39 fixed seats and features a pivot door and underfloor luggage space. A Wessex II minibus built on an Iveco Ford 59.12 chassis cowl will be displayed on the demonstration park. One of a batch for Transit Holdings subsidiary Devon General it has a dual door configuration.

Marshall Bus Stand L3

Marshall will be displaying its C37 bus body on a 10.0m Dennis Dart. The midibus is one of four sold to Midland Red North for the park and ride service in Shrewsbury. It is equipped with 40 seats, a luggage pen and has provision for 17 standee passengers. Outside the exhibition will be a C31 bodied Iveco 59.12. It is the first of an order for 24 from Peoples Provincial in Fareham. Its specification includes 27 seats and provision for 10 standee passengers.

Irizar Stand L4

An Irizar Century bodied Scania K113 sold to Coach Stop is the company's main exhibit. The coach features 32 seats positioned around eight tables and has a large kitchen/galley area at the rear. Scania Coach Sales will also provide a K113 CRB Van Hool Alizee which has been sold to Grimshaws and is to appear on the Van Hool stand. A third Scania will be available in the demonstration park.

Valetmatic Brushwash Stand N8

Expocoach '94 sees the launch of Valetmatic's new Atlantean XJ range of drive through bus washes. They feature brush support arms to add to flexibility and use a damper system to achieve a softer wash on vehicle surfaces. Three brush roll-over washes from the established Trident range will also be on show.

Peloton International Stand N12/N13

The company promotes management improvements within the industry and offers specialised courses in marketing and business training. Peloton will also act as a consultancy, aiming to strengthen operator approach to the market and to progress towards their business aims.

AK Carpets Stand N25

Special show offers will be placed on some of the stock held by AK Carpets. On view will be a selection of coach carpets, interior trim materials, coconut matting

and polyrib carpets. The stand is being shared with Ahead of the Rest who will be promoting their headrest covers.

Mobile Bus & Coach Workshops Stand P1

The company is main dealer for Toyota and Multipart spares as well as a major stockist for MCW spares, Alexander body parts and a range of OE spares for Leyland and Bristol vehicles. A small selection of these items will be exhibited along with details of the Triplex windscreen and side glass replacement service offered.

Millers Oils Stand P2

Millers will be highlighting semi-synthetic high performance diesel engine oils and transmission oils which they produce. These offer benefits of improved fuel efficiency, claimed to be around five to ten percent, and extended drain periods of 50,000 miles and above. Full details of these products and the whole range of lubrication products will be available.

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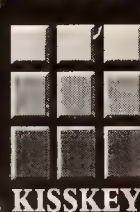
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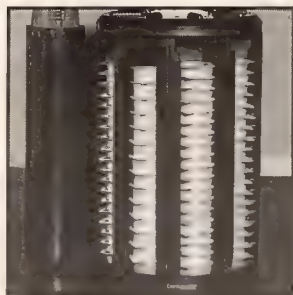
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AVT Systems Stand P3

AVT manufactures its own range of public address and video equipment, most of which can be installed as a direct replacement for Radiomobile systems. The company is a main agent for Blaupunkt and will also show a range of this audio and video equipment.

Queenprint Stand P4

New at this show is a promotional product called Colourcard. It can be used for self promotion, discounts, travel passes, credit cards, scratch cards, business cards timetables etc. Full colour Colourcards are available from as little as £60 per 5,000. Details of Queenprint's brochures and promotional literature will also be available.

Taylor Dyne Stand P5

Eight types of heater, blower or combined heater/blower units will be on display. Some models contain heater matrix systems and are coupled direct-

ly to a vehicle's cooling/heating system. Other models are purely motorised fans which can be incorporated inside ducting to move hot or cold air around a bus or coach saloon.

Cummins Stand P6

Cummins will be exhibiting examples of its B and C series diesel engines. A cut-away model of the 8.3 litre 6 CTAA will be alongside a B series 6BTA 5.9 litre unit which has been remanufactured by Diesel ReCon. A selection of ReCon components will also be shown.

John Holdsworth & Co Stand P7

A large selection of quality Holdsworth moquettes, modern and traditional, will be on display from the country's largest manufacturer.

Signal Computing Stand P8

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information which allows performance analysis of new and existing routes to aid efficiency improvements.

VL Test Systems Stand P9

The company will be promoting its VLT 16622 computer controlled brake testing machine, designed to give comparable results with equipment in testing stations, and suitable for businesses preparing PSVs and HGVs for annual tests. Details of the larger machine, for installation in test lanes, will also be available. This tester, the VLT 16733 includes a database of over 6500 types of PSV, HGV and trailers and has full weighing facilities. It comes fully licensed for use with the VI database.

Newton Oils Stand P10

The company will be promoting a full range of lubrication products to cover the specific needs of bus and coach operators.

Dinex Exhausts Stand P11

Three popular exhaust

systems will be displayed by Dinex. Two are standard replacement systems for Leyland Leopards and Scania K113s and the third is a complete stainless steel system for Volvo B10Ms. Dinex will also show its catalytic converter which is available to fit all pipe diameters.

Eastgate Furnishings Stand Q2

Eastgate will exhibit a

number of retrimmed coach seats, moquettes, interior trim fabrics and flooring materials. The company has recently refurbished a Neoplan Skyliner which may be shown by SJ Carlton in the demonstration park.

Smith Bros & Webb Stand Q3

Bus and coach wash specialists, Smith Bros & Webb will be presenting its comprehensive range of vehicle

washing equipment which is available for operators of small or large fleets. Highlighted at Telford will be the Streamline Major, an upgraded version of the four brush drive through system capable of washing eighty double deckers per hour.

Peacock & Archer Stand Q4

New from Peacock & Archer are replacement steering boxes for most popular minibuses. The traditional range of steering equipment for buses and coaches will also be displayed. This includes steering boxes, pumps, racks, rams, fan motors, angle drives, switches and load levelling valves.

Dawson Rentals Stand Q5

The company will be discussing operators' future requirements and offering various options which include rental, contract hire and operating lease, along with other finance packages. Details of the 1995 order for Caetano bodied Dennis Javelins will also be avail-



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Altro Floors **Stand Q6**

Altro is a newcomer to the UK bus and coach market but has specialised in durable floor coverings on boats, trains and aircraft. Transflor is a slip resistant vinyl sheet material, available in a range of thicknesses and colours, which is claimed to be easily cleaned and is impermeable, flexible and easily installed. Altro believes that because the material contains aluminium oxide to make it durable, it will almost outlast the vehicle in which it is installed.



The Systemiser will be among the equipment shown by Triscan.

Triscan **Stand Q7**

Triscan will display its full range of fuel management systems including the latest 'kisskey' development. Visitors will be able to view the latest software from Triscan's in-house developers which has been designed to run in the 'windows' environment employed on many new computer systems.

Pagid UK **Stand Q9/Q10**

Friction material specialists Pagid, will be exhibiting samples of its products.

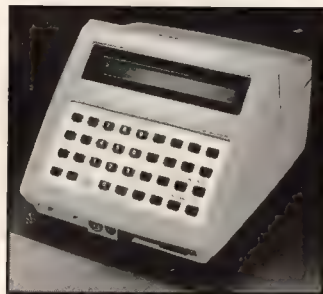
Chubb Fire **Stand Q11**

Chubb will be showing new one and two litre foam fire extinguishers which are intended as direct replacements for halon filled units. There will also be details of a halon recovery scheme which will allow old units to be disposed of safely without fear of the ozone-depleting gas causing environmental damage.

Almex **Stands R1**

Almex ticketing machines will be represented by the A90 totally configurable on-bus system, the Almex MCC magnetic card cancellor, The Microfare portable machine and the contactless smart card system. The latter is

being launched at the show and offers third party facilities on the card, not just ticketing.



Almex will be showing the latest ticketing systems.

Busparts **Stand R3**

Busparts range of parts will be promoted.

Richards Shaw (Trim) **Stand R6**

Highlighted at the show will be the new Xcel minicoach seat which has been fully tested and meets the highest current standards. Other seating from the company will include examples of the popular Kustombilt Capri, Monaco and Algarve.

Actia UK **Stand R7/R8**

Being launched at Telford is a new computerised electronic guide/commentary system which provides multilingual information to individual multi-channel units for passengers to choose their own language on guided tours. Actia's conventional range of audio, public address and video systems will also be shown.

Isla Components **Stand R10**

Ricon UK **Stands S1-2/S7-8**

Ricon is launching its F8000 Eclipse which is a semi-automatic underfloor passenger lift with a capacity of 300Kg. It features a simple manual pull-out push-in stowing method which locks in the stowed or deployed positions automatically. Available for either 12 or 24 volt operation, the Eclipse will be displayed on an LDV 400 but will fit all popular makes of minibus.

Clayton Heaters **Stand S6**

Clayton is launching a new automatic climate control system which is to be demonstrated on the stand. This will be supported by the latest versions of the company's heating and ventilation systems, fittings and spares.

Duoflex **Stand S9**

Coach and bus retrimming specialists, Duoflex, will be exhibiting examples of refurbished seating along with moquettes, foams, seat belts and carpets. The company also hopes to introduce a new gas cylinder which will be a suitable replacement for those fitted on many recliners.

Farm Classics **Stand S10**

Farm Classics/NTAV are specialist suppliers of in-coach entertainment with a comprehensive selection of audio and video equipment.

Guardian Fire **Stand S11**

Guardian is to show its 0.9 litre AFFF foam fire extinguisher, the alternative to using ozone depleting halon types. They have been tested to BS 5423 and have a 3A/21B fire rating which meets all PCV and welfare vehicle requirements.

Salvador Caetano UK **Stand T1**

Three of the latest specification Algarve IIs and an 11 seater Toyota Hiace Compact will form the main exhibit. The three coaches include: A 3.5m high Volvo B10M equipped with 49 reclining seats, courier seat, centre demountable toilet, continental door, double glazing, cooler box, water boiler and a Blaupunkt audio system; A Dennis Javelin low driver with 57 seats, courier seat, double glazing and a Blaupunkt audio system; and the first example of a 3.5m Algarve II on the MAN 18.370 chassis which also features a low-driver position and is equipped with 51/53 reclining seats, courier seat and a continental door.

Confirmed demonstration vehicles include a long wheelbase Toyota Hiace, the Luxace, an MAN 11.190 based Algarve II with 35 seats, double glazing and a continental door. A third demonstrator has yet to be announced.

Kirkby Coach & Bus **Stand T2**

The Kirkby exhibit is to act as the focal point for all the Plaxton activities including coach and bus sales and Roadlease. On show will be a Plaxton Premiere 320 Dennis Javelin which is equipped with 53 reclining seats and a courier seat. It is joined by a Premiere 350 bodied Volvo B10M which



The new Shades Servery on Ralph's Plaxton Premier 350.

will feature air conditioning. The coaches are appearing in the liveries of their new owners, Lakeside Coaches of Salop and Ralph's Coaches of Slough.

Bova UK **Stand T3**

The stand exhibit is a Bova Futura Club FLD which features 53 reclining seats, courier seat, double glazing, full soft trim and appears in the livery of Swards Coaches. Two more coaches will be on view in the demonstration park. They are a similar specification Club FLD, for Priory of Gosport and an executive specification FHD 12.290 for Lucketts of Fareham. This coach features 49 reclining seats, courier seat, air conditioning, double glazing, toilet, cooler box, water boiler, Webasto and a driver's bunk.

Yeates Bus & Coach **Stand T4**

Yeates will be exhibiting three coaches from its line-up of Volvo and Jonckheere products. On the stand is a Jonckheere Monaco double deck coach on a Volvo B12T triaxle chassis. It is equipped with 71 Vogel reclining seats, washroom/toilet, servery, tables and tinted double glazing. Other features include a Volvo G7 gearbox and Voith retarder. Vehicles outside the main hall include a Volvo B10M Jonckheere Deauville 45, with centre demountable toilet and 51/53 reclining seats, and the smaller Jonckheere Deauville Ascot on a Volvo B6 chassis.

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MAN	2	7	32	57
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OPTARE	23	10	120	86
RENAULT	0	1	1	21
SCANIA	26	11	152	113
VOLVO	120	131	942	769
OTHER BRITISH	1	4	23	32
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- 1989 MERCEDES 407D mini coach, 13 seats, fitted telephones, table & extractor fans
- 1988 LEYLAND TIGER TLII 260 PLAXTON 3200 c/w Telma retarder, 53 reclining seats
- 1988 TOYOTA OPTIMO CAETANO Mk I, 21 seats
- 1987 DAF 2800 LAS PANORAMIC BODY, 16 seats, 12 bunks & 1 crew bunk, air conditioning, toilet, hot and cold water generator, television mid lounge
- 1986 LEYLAND ROYAL TIGER PLAXTON 3500, 39 seats
- 3 x 1984 MERCEDES 608D, Reeves conversion, 19 seats
- 1982 BEDFORD YMT PLAXTON SUPREME V, 53 seats
- 1982 FORD PLAXTON PARAMOUNT, 35 seats
- 1981 BEDFORD DUPE, 53 seater, power doors & radio/PA
- 2 x 1979 BEDFORD YLQ PLAXTON SUPREME IV, 38 seats
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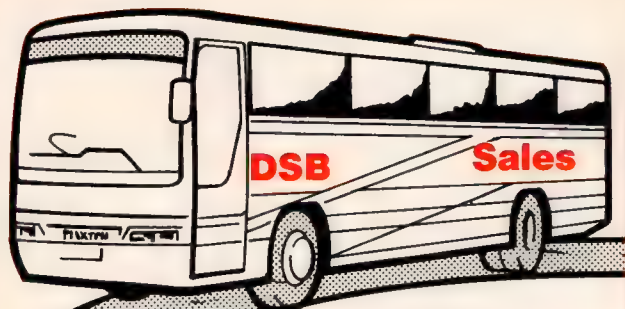
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Fleet Additions



Birmingham based Meadway Private Hire has taken delivery of a Caetano Optimo III. Equipped to GL specification, the mini-coach features 21 reclining seats, courier seat, power plug door, individual reading lights, forced air ventilation, Blaupunkt audio system and full soft trim. It was supplied by Salvador Caetano UK.



The latest addition to The Kingsferry fleet, this Irizar century bodied Scania K113CRB, has now been liveried and joins the 50 other air conditioned coaches engaged on private charters and commuter services to London. Other features on the coach included a toilet, fridge, hot drinks facility and a video system. It is equipped with 49 reclining seats, courier seat, tinted double glazing and was supplied by Scania Coach Sales.



Gloucester Citybus has received 12 Volvo B6 Alexander Dash bodied midibuses as part of the Stagecoach group's fleet replacement programme. The Dashes have been equipped with 40 seats and are replacing Leyland Nationals. Stagecoach West has also had deliveries of AM minibuses which it has distributed amongst Gloucester Citybus, Red and White Services, Cheltenham and District and Stroud Valleys.

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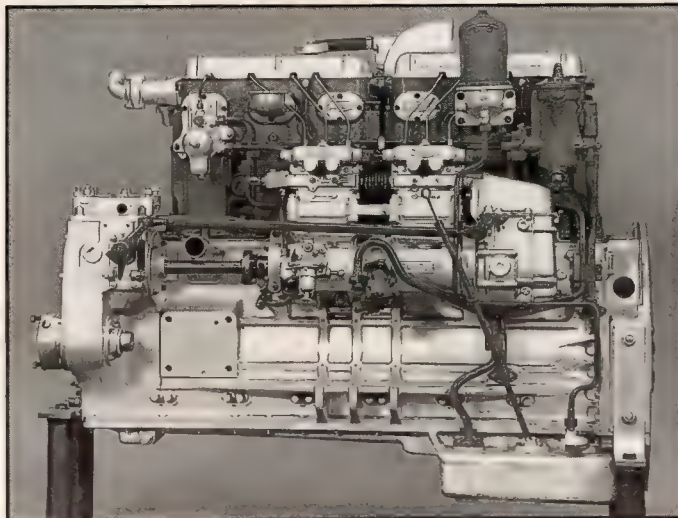
The sole UK importer of Van Hool coach and bus parts, Carlyle Parts, is moving to a new location on the Cygnus Business Park, Swan Village, near West Bromwich. Benefitting from a grant awarded by the Black Country Development Corporation, the company will be able to expand and hopes to create up to 30 new jobs over the next two years, doubling the present workforce. The new site gives immediate access to the Black Country Spine Road, considerably improving links with London, Sheffield, Bristol and other parts of the country.

Foam fire extinguishers

Guardian Fire Ltd has launched a 0.9 litre AFFF foam spray fire extinguisher which is manufactured and tested to BS5423. It has a rating of 3A/21B which makes it suitable for all PCV applications under statutory requirements. The company has previously supplied 1.0 and 1.5Kg BCF (Halon 1211) gaseous extinguishers. The 1.5KG remains available as do the gaseous refills. The new AFFF model is not intended as a replacement but as an alternative with the advantage that it is not ozone depleting and is more environmentally friendly. It is also cheaper. Further details are available from Guardian Fire Ltd. Telephone 0603-787679.

Mobile carbon clean

Leek based P&A Automotive, the sole UK importers of Carbon Clean technology which removes carbon deposits from engines and injectors to improve performance and reduce emissions, is to offer a mobile service to operators. This will provide a full petrol or diesel dialysis on-site and assist in reducing pollution. For more information on Carbon Clean, either static or mobile, call P&A on 0602-582921.



Gardner has designed the Spinner centrifugal lubricant filter to extend engine oil changes and increase engine protection.

New Gardner options

Gardner is offering its customers the option of converting to the latest Spinner centrifugal lubricant filter either as an aftermarket add-on or at the point of manufacture / remanufacture on any vertical LXB/LXCT. The device is claimed to be far more effective than traditional filters and removes a higher proportion of particles. This keeps the oil cleaner and extends the period required between oil changes while further prolonging the life of the engine. Customers specifying remanufactured LXB engines can also opt for the

spin-on type filter which is fitted to the LXCT. This conversion also extends oil change periods as the filter is longer and more efficient, ensuring the oil remains clean for a longer period.

All Gardner engines, new or remanufactured will now be painted in the traditional grey and silver colours as the company feels it is an aid to recognition across the world. Remanufactured engine customers can still specify standard or 'green' engines and will receive the same three year guarantee.

Tank repair system

Lurmark Ltd of Cambridge is now marketing a two part epoxy system which can permanently repair holes or cracks in fuel tanks without the need to drain and remove them. Manufactured by the Syon Corporation of the USA, Seal-N-Place Fuel Tank Repair Kit will fix holes up to one inch in diameter or cracks up to five inches long. The repair cures in around 20 minutes and can be used in a range from 30 to 110 degrees Fahrenheit.

The company claims that holes of up to half an inch diameter which have been sealed by the kit can withstand internal hydrostatic pressures of up to 600psi. Comprising a self contained mixing pouch for the epoxy, fibreglass patch, mastic sealer, sandpaper and a brush, the kit retails at £5.77. Syon say the kit can also re-

pair radiators, oil pans and transmission covers. Full information on the product is available from marketing manager Tim Comer, Lurmark Ltd, Station Road, Longstanton, Cambridge CB4 5DS. Telephone 0954-260097.



Seal-N-Place, permanently repairs holes and cracks in fuel tanks.

Engine spares

Engine specialists Milton Keynes Engines are able to provide operators with a full range of engineering services and also act as spare parts suppliers. The company has a full range of parts for Volvo, Scania and most other makes which include pistons, liners, rings, main bearings, big end bearings, thrust washers, small end bearings, camshafts, valves, cam bearings, valve guides, valve seats, head gasket sets, head sets, conversion sets and liner seals. For more information contact Bob Millthorpe on 0908-379449.

Change of FOCIS

Computer systems consultants CHS Associates, the authors of FOCIS-2000 fleet computerised information system, are now marketing the product themselves and have disassociated themselves from the Euro-Group. The system comprises a comprehensive fleet costing system which can handle multi-company, multi-location data and can record all transactions for vehicles, drivers, maintenance, spares, purchasing, accident damage, and is claimed to have one of the best P11D reporting systems available. It has a large degree of customisation ability to adapt to particular needs and is also claimed to be user friendly. Further details on the system are available from Stuart McCall on 0543-419002.

Uniforms Unlimited

London based Uniforms Unlimited has won seven new contracts to supply uniforms to the industry. These include Southampton Transport, Harrogate Transport, TMS, United Auto, London Suburban and Liverbus. The company's staff try to ensure complete wearer satisfaction by offering individual measuring to provide the correct fit. Further information on uniforms or corporate clothing can be obtained from Nick Atkinson, sales & marketing director at the Harrogate office on 0423-528275 or from the head office at 39-45 Cavell Street, London E1 2BP.

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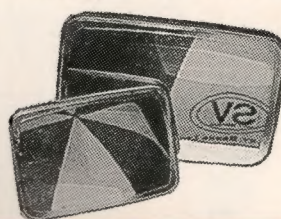


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